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Eighteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:31 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Bishop. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather here today, we ask that you give us wisdom and divine inspiration to move the State and people's business forward. Let us build on unity, working together. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the sixteenth and seventeenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Court System
Schedule of Compensation
Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges, and
Administrative Directors
Calendar Year 2020
in accordance with AS 22.20.037

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature
January 2021
in accordance with ch. 39, SLA 2015

Department of Fish and Game
Board of Game Allocation Report
February 1, 2021
in accordance with AS 16.05.050

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 4 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Finance Committee held a hearing on the following appointee. A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual during any further sessions.

Commissioner, Department of Revenue
Lucinda Mahoney

Signing the report: Senators Bishop, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Hoffman, Wilson, Wielechowski, von Imhof.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 70

SENATE BILL NO. 70 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to opioid overdose drugs; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

SB 71

SENATE BILL NO. 71 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to special request registration plates celebrating the arts; relating to artwork in public buildings and facilities; relating to the management of artwork under the art in public places fund; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 72

SENATE BILL NO. 72 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to civics education, civics examinations, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Community and Regional Affairs Committees.

SB 73

SENATE BILL NO. 73 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to borrowing in anticipation of revenues; relating to revenue anticipation notes; relating to line of credit agreements; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 4:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to revenue anticipation borrowing (AS 43.08).

The Alaska Constitution, Article IX, Section 10, authorizes interim borrowing in anticipation of the collection of revenues. This bill updates the statutes on revenue anticipation borrowing to grant the Commissioner of Revenue authority to enter into revenue anticipation notes and line of credit agreements when the Commissioner considers it in the State's best financial interest to do so.

The bill expands the State's capacity to manage its short-term cash flow by increasing financial flexibility and leveraging modern borrowing tools.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects, including construction, communications, major maintenance, public safety, and transportation projects; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 4:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to voter approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$356,405,952 for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects. These infrastructure projects include critical airport, highway, road, and bridge improvements; school major maintenance; upgrades and repairs of state facilities, and communication systems.

This bill proposes to put the question of issuing these general obligation bonds before qualified voters at a statewide special election to be held 90 to 120 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature. If ratified, these projects will benefit Alaskans statewide by stimulating our economy, stabilizing our construction industry, and improving transportation, education, and other critical facilities throughout the State.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 75

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR VON IMHOF, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the legislative finance division; relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Dr. Norio Yamamoto
Representative Fields

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business**SB 63**

Senators Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 63 "An Act relating to the appointment of a temporary guardian for a missing person; and amending Rule 17, Alaska Rules of Probate Procedure." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 8

Senators Kawasaki, Begich, Myers, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Governor to facilitate the completion of a land grant endowment to the University of Alaska. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 72

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 72 "An Act relating to civics education, civics examinations, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 8, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 09 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 05 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 19 EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 08 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Presentation:
 "FY2021 Student Enrollment Counts & COVID-19
 Federal Relief Funding" by Commissioner Michael
 Johnson
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

- Presentation Will Continue on 2/12/2021 --
- + Presentation:
- "School District Perspectives on Educating During the COVID-19 Pandemic" by Superintendents:
- Deena Bishop, Anchorage School District
- Kerry Boyd, Yukon-Koyukuk School District
- Bobby Bolen, Bering Strait School District
- Jason Johnson, Dillingham School District
- John O'Brien, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

- Presentation Continued from 2/10/2021 --
- + Presentation:
- "School District Perspectives on Educating During the COVID-19 Pandemic" by Superintendents:
- Karen Gaborik, Fairbanks School District
- Kim Hankins, Lower Kuskokwim School District
- Mike Hanley, Chugach & Aleutian Region School Districts
- Larry Ledoux, Kodiak Island School District
- Bridget Weiss, Juneau School District
- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 05 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + PERS/TRS Update, FY22 Payment by:
- Ajay Desai, Director of the Division of Retirement & Benefits
- Jim Puckett, Deputy Director
- Emily Ricci, Chief Health Policy Administrator
- Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 08 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 68 APPROP: SUPP; REAPPROP; AMENDING; CBR
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 49 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 + SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + CARES Act Funding Update
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + CARES Act Funding Update (continued)
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + - K-12 FY22 Operating & Formula Walk Through
 + - University FY22 Operating - Subcommittee of
 the Whole
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Oil & Gas Severance Tax - Order of Operations
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 56 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 05	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Disaster Declaration, Extensions - Relating to COVID		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
	To be Announced		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ =	SB 14	SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES	
Feb 08	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	COVID-19 Disaster Declaration, Extensions, Vaccine Liability		
+	TBA - Department of Health & Social Services & Department of Administration		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 10	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	COVID-19 Disaster Declaration, Extensions, TBA - Department of Law		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ =	SB 14	SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES	
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 12	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ =	SB 14	SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES	
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Courts - TBA		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Extensions, An Alternative Approach		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	Confirmation Hearing:		
	TBA		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 05 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 08 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 56 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 <Pending Referral>

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 10 FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Department of Labor & Workforce Development:
 - Dan Robinson, Chief of Research & Analysis
 - James Harvey, Assistant Director of Division
 of Employment & Training Services
 - Louise Dean, Executive Director of Alaska
 Workforce Investment Board

+ SB 24 VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR CORPORATIONS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 69 EXEMPT RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRIC PLANTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 12 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Feb 05 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overview:

"Mining" by the Department of Natural Resources
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

- Feb 08 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Presentation:
 Overview of Alaska National Interest Lands
 Conservation Act (ANILCA) by Tina Cunning

- Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 61 OIL/GAS LEASE:DNR MODIFY NET PROFIT SHARE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 22 INTENSIVE MGMT SURCHARGE/REPEAL TERM DATE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

- Feb 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 53 PERM FUND; ADVISORY VOTE
 += SJR 6 CONST. AM: PERM FUND & PFDS
 + SJR 1 CONST AM: GUARANTEE PERM FUND DIVIDEND
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only TBA> --
 += SB 43 ELECTIONS, VOTING, CAMPAIGN FINANCE
 += SB 25 STATE GOV'T FINANCES: WEBSITE
 += SJR 5 CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT; BUDGET RESERVE
 += SJR 6 CONST. AM: PERM FUND & PFDS
 += SJR 7 CONST. AM: STATE TAX; VOTER APPROVAL
 += SB 53 PERM FUND; ADVISORY VOTE
 += SJR 1 CONST AM: GUARANTEE PERM FUND DIVIDEND
 -- Testimony <TBA> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 09	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 11	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 18	Thursday FY22 Department of Education & Early Development Budget	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
Feb 25	Thursday FY22 Department of Education & Early Development Budget	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 09	Tuesday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Initial Meeting of HSS subcommittee	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Feb 10	Wednesday Health & Social Services Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Feb 19	Friday -- Agenda to be Announced --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Feb 22	Monday -- Agenda to be Announced --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Feb 26	Friday -- Agenda to be Announced --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Mar 01	Monday -- Agenda to be Announced --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
Mar 05	Friday -- Agenda to be Announced --	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Feb 09** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 Synopsis on Subcommittee Binders
 - FY22 Agency Budget Highlights
 - Challenges & Successes
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 16** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 23** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 02** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Feb 11** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 Synopsis on Subcommittee Binders
 - FY22 Agency Budget Highlights
 - Challenges & Successes
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 18** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 25** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 04** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 FY22 Agency Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

REVENUE

Feb 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
+ Department of Revenue Budget Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
+ - Department of Transportation & Public
 Facilities Operating Budget Lookback, FY22
 Highlights & Comparing FY22 to FY21
+ - CARES Act Effect on FY21 & FY22 Operating
 Budget
+ - Division of Facilities Services -
 Consolidation Update